

Information Paper

Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Copeland Bend, IA

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Location

9 miles northwest of Hamburg, Fremont County, Iowa.

Description

The Copeland Bend site is located on 1,939 acres of former agricultural land purchased by the Corps of Engineers. The area is adjacent to the left descending bank of the Missouri River at river miles 571 to 565.

The Corps is attempting to purchase additional lands in and around the existing areas. The additional lands are needed to round out the existing mitigation site. Therefore, the mitigation efforts at this site have been limited. The Corps has produced some depressional wetlands on the protected side of the levee. Additional development will take place as more land is acquired and studies have been made as to the best habitat for the site.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has assumed operation and management of the site. No motor vehicles are allowed on the site, but public foot access is available. This site can be used for a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, bird watching, hiking and hunting when in season.

Current Status

The Corps is currently negotiating for additional lands at this site with the hopes of purchasing more areas starting in 2005.

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